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<b>Interview Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/664,273	<b>Applicant(s)</b> HERMANN ET AL.	
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Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes    e) ☒ No.  
If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: 50 and 51.

Identification of prior art discussed: Pierce.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached.    g) ☐ was not reached.    h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The examiner suggested defining the opposed ends to proximal and distal ends, as to define the location of the insert. This appears to overcome the previous rejection. The examiner will update the search upon receiving the amendments.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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